

CD There were 3 things wrong with it. One is Sect 5 which lists a group as consultant to Sec. of HEW who could be Christine Stevens. Another is that she could then be one of the inspectors to the labs. A third was the size of the penalties, which could

could destroy a scientific career. The final thing was that charges would go directly to the Court of Appeals in Washington, which makes it sound like high treason. Otherwise this looks like not a bad bill.

V On the other hand, if we can get out of the Congress at the present time the compromise that the NSMR has endorsed, we would be better off.

CD I agree. I think this is a terrible mistake to endorse anything like this at the present time.

V I think it's horrible. Now Barney Zimmerman called me yest. and said Shannon had called him and asked him to call Cong'm Staggers, Chmn of the House Comm. before which this bill would go in the House, asking him to oppose it and to (the new bill, or the compromise bill) and to ask that the House members of the joint conference comm. accept the Senate bill in toto in order to avoid any dfcty. Now, I think that's going much too far. You see, what we have felt was that we should have 2 things changed in the Senate bill: (1) the 'other animals' should be knocked out, and (2) the section 15, which is concerned with search for stolen animals should be limited to storage areas, where there is no dfcty with letting people wander about at will in search for stolen animals, but we don't want them to go into our physiol. and surg. OR's and insist upon looking for animals already in use. Poage has agreed to stand firm on those 2 items and to allow the 3rd item (Sec. Agric to inspect etc the storage areas) to stand.

CD Of course, we have the final veto on that anyway in determining when animals are under investigation, and the whole business would revert to HEW in a couple of years anyway.

V I think they will anyway.

CD to me this whole business is right down Chr. Stevens' alley, and we shouldn't have any part of it.

V That's my feeling.

CD Will Shannon listen to anybody?

V No. Not at this juncture because he's committed himself.

CD Has he done so openly?

V You can be sure he has to the congressmen, and he has made this call to Barney.

CD What if Barney called him back and said, "We have been hashing this over and Visscher and I think this is not a good idea because..."

V Well, maybe.

CD Suppose Staggers talked to him?

V Well, Barney was going to talk to Staggers along the lines that I've just talked to, and maybe Staggers has already called Shannon. Maybe I'd better call Barney right now, and see what else he knows.

CD I can't think of anything I could do at the moment, can you? I'll photocopy this and get a copy off to you and to Kingman right now in case he hasn't gotten it.

V Who sent this to the NYSSMR?

CD The clerk of the minority of the Senate Comm on on Labor and Public Welfare.

V That is Hill's committee.

CD I suspect that Lowell coozied up to this man to keep his ear to the ground and this paid off.

V I wish these congressmen wouldn't jump at things we talking to us.

CD I have no idea that Javits is in this at all as yet.

*Shannon wants  
Maggie Mon!*

*Poage*

P. 2 Visscher phone talk July 21, 1966.

V Will call Zimmerman and Kingman today and call back if learns  
as I should know.

*I reached Dr Mangerson, in Elmira on Mil. Service,  
just after. F/q discussion, he agrees with  
Visscher's position. - Mrs Earle agrees.*